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INTENSE INTEREST TAKEN IN THE LEONARD MURDER TRIAL

Appellate Court Room Thronged with People, Including Many Ladies-Bloody Clothing Held Up to View-Evidence of the State Made Stronger in Regard to the Friendship Between Mrs. Leonard and Her Former Busband-Attorneys for Defense Not Harmonions in Their Methods-Chief of Police's Evidence.

The Durrant trial at San Francisco or the Holmes trial at Philadelphia could not have been watched with a greater degree of interest or curiosity than was the preliminary hearing in the case of the state against Marion Williamson, his former wife Irena Willlamson Leonard and their son Norville Williamson, yesterday.

According to the announcement the hearing was to have commenced at 9 s'clock, but Justice Jones and the at-torney for Mrs. 'Leonard were intersted in a case in the district court which kept them there until after 10

As early as 8 o'clock the Appellate court room was crowded. The steam had just been turned on but the room being a large one and hard to heat the place was like an ice box until nearly

If the room had been as cold as the bleak hills of Greenland that crowd would have stayed there to hear the trial. They gathered around the radiators and hugged them for dear life until the chilly atmosphere was warm-

assemblage consisted of about one-fourth women and three-fourths men. There were women there who short Mrs seemed to be a hundred years old and Leonard. men equally as ancient. One old man who wasn't a day short of ninety lean-ed over the railing all day long with his eyes glued on the court and wit-nesses. Inside the railing there was a row of ladles and this old man's head seemed to be sandwiched in be-tween the shoulders of two good looking women although he stood on the outside of the railing himself. He had long gray beard and as the testimony became exciting he swung those whiskers to the right and left to the great annoyance or at least embarrassment of the ladies. He swung that beard once too often for it got mixed up in the hooks and eyes of a lady's cape, and, doubtless, when she went home last night her husband ques tioned her about a tuft of grey hairs which she unconsciously took home on the shoulder of her cape. He was the queerest and most excited little old man one could wish to see and his little old pink eyes ought to be fixed on the good book of prophecy rather than on the actors in a criminal trag-

There was a little old woman back in the audience that must have been his mate in life.

There wasn't a tooth in her head and hadn't been for twenty years and yet she was intensely interested in a murder trial. She was eternally quarrel-ling with those in her neighborhood for crowding her and she frequently signified, by a squeak, her disapproval of a squeezing that she might have enjoyed immensely about the time of the

Every seat in the court room was or cupied and the aisles were crowded to suffocation, the jam extending a quarter of the width of the room from either side. This gave rise o a vig-orous "down in front" demand from the seats. Constable Tom Voss was ordered to drive back the jam by the court but Tom was too mild mannered for such a herculean task and after a small effort gave it up.

Justice Jones promptly left the bench the wall. This magic influence was brought to hear on the crowd at the hours before the murder was committed. couth gate with equally good results and the audience cheered approvingly. Two minutes after that there was

ly every one in the assemblage arose in their seats to see what they looked like Irena Williamson Leonard was the first one observed. She was the only one noticed for a few minutes. She was dressed in dark clothing and wore a jaunty hat high up on her head that was ornamented with a few feathers that waved over it and to some extent indicated by their movements her feelings during the trial. The least twitch of the muscles is responded to by feathers worn on a hat like those were

acroes the court room before the spec-tators and when she finally took her seat every pulsation of her heart was examined by the justice, attorneys and telegraphed to observers in the audience by the feathers on her hat which trembled very violently. No matter given at the coroner's inquest and did what the crime of a woman may be he cannot help having a trace of sympa-

the crooked way, is pretty. This has been said of Irena Williamson Leonard by sensationalists. The state-ment is absoluted; group less. Mrs. Leonard is not up to the average wo-man in beauty, on the contrary she is homely. She has neither good looks, Mr Ambio

with his wife and their son also. It was a sad sight to see them and sadder still to think of a whole family in the toils of the law with no future between them and sadders them but the sadders against such methods.

Mr. Helm objected to see them and sadders them but the sadders against such methods. fore them but one of gloom. There is no sympathy for them however, for they do not deserve sympathy from what is known as to the crime

Williamson when first brought in seemed to be indifferent, but as the ex-amination progressed it was plain that the proceedings had their effect on him. John D. Davis, county attorney is epresenting the state, S. B. Amidon is representing Mrs. Leonard and Nor-

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ville Williamson and A. E. Helm is rep-

resenting Marion Williamson. The first witness called was M. M. Mc Collister, coroner of the county. There was nothing in his evidence that has not been published heretofore in the Eagle. He simply recited the story of how he was notified of the death of Henry H. Leonard, how he found the body, the Leonard, how he found the body, the codition it was in, the marks of violence, the location of the house where the murder was committed, certain bloodstains therein, which has been described thoroughly heretofore, and his opinions of the weapon used, which he thought was a hatchet.

When it came to the point where he described the bloodstains he was asked

described the bloodstains he was asked to bring the clothing of the murdered biblited the various articles of clothing before the count, lawyers and audience. He held up the shirt of the murdered man in rather a dramatic manner. It was bloodstained all over and when the eyes of Williamson and his former wife rested upon it, their countenance did not change in the least. The young man did not look at it at all scarcely. That shirt in itself, regardless of the crime connected with it, is a horrible

Mr. Helm cross-examined Mr. McCollister very thoroughly and from that or it would seem that the policy of Mr Helm was to shift the principal responsibility for the crime onto Mrs. Leonard, while Mr. Amidon wanted to shift it onto Marion Williamson. Each objected to the questions of the other side and the county attorney smiled. He seemed to think that if the lawyers for the defense kept up their tactics he would not have very much work to do in locating the guilt. Mr. Helm seemed to be unxious to prove by McCollister that Leonard was murdered with a hatchet while Mr. Amidon wanted to prove that he was killed with a gas pipe. The reason for these tactics was that the gas pipe has always been as-sociated with the theory that William-son is the murderer, while the hatchet has been connected with the theory that Mrs. Leonard and her boy killed

After dinner the lawyers for the defense were more harmonious in their

Dr. Hoffman was the next witness called after Mr. McCollister. His testimony was short and included only a description of the wounds and that they

were sufficient to produce death AFTERNOON SESSION. The first witness put on the stand in

the afternoon was Mrs. Rosa McTarget. Her evidence was the same as given at the coroner's inquest and stat-ing it briefly was that she saw William-son on the corner of Market and Lewis streets the Friday or Saturday before the murder, looking in the direction of Leonard's bouse,

George H. States was next sworn. He destified that he saw Williamson and his former wife out buggy riding on the afternoon preceding the murder. That they turned off the road on Seneca street 14 miles south of the railroad track and that Williamson was reading a document which he said during the examination at the inquest that Mrs. Leonard told him was the insurance policy on her husband's life. He was not cross-examined.

Austin Adams, the engineer at the Carey, was examined and he testified exactly as he did at the coroner's inquest. There was nothing material in his testimony. Mr. Helm tried to prove an alibi by him in opposition to the evidence of States, but Mr. Adams did not remember of seeing Williamson during the time he was suposed to be out buggy riding with his former wife

Mrs. Baker of 208 South Lawrence avenue was the next witness and her testimony was important in as much as it proved that Williamson was on intimate terms with his wife after she had procured a divorce from him and had married Henry H. Leonani. She testified that she had saw Williamson and his former wife walking together on South Lawrence avenue during the latber past of October. She also testified | nois and received in return a full war that she saw them and their son Or-record of Faither Hunt. (You see ville together on Douglas avenue on have two fathers and I distinguish the when the constable's efforts failed and went to the north gate where, by a tragic sweep of the hand, such as he uses in his hypnotic entertainments, he ciaggered the crowd backwards toward

Mr. Amidon became excited over Mrs tremendous rubbernecking at the door and the word was quietly sent around that the prisoners were coming. Near-that the prisoners were coming. Near-that the prisoners were coming. ewenty minutes cross fire of words the honors were about even between them. Colonel Amidon met an opponent wor-

thy of his steel, or rather of his tongue. The next witness was the chief of police and the lawyers for the defense squared themselves for a hard fight with him. When the chief went on the stand he bad two bundles of bloody clothing under his arms. One bundle contained the wraper and apron that Irene Leonard wore when she was arthers worn on a hat like those were and women who go into court and want to hide their feelings should not wear them.

She was sickly pale as she walked the Sunday clothing of William there are should be stained the state claims there are blood stains, but which the defense reporters. The testimony of the chief of police was exactly the same as that not vary much, if any, from the state-ment he made to a reporter for the Eathy for her on such an occasion.

There is always a tendency to say that a woman who does wrong or becomes notorious in the path that leads the crocked way, is pretty. This has been said of frena Williamson. At this point objections came thick and fest and vigorous from the crocked. fast and vigorous from the opposition attorneys. Justice Jones kept cool and over ruled them in an easy and grace-

Mr Amidon didn't want any con

liamson on the grounds that his client, Marion Williamson, was not present. Mr. Amidon and Mr. Helm tried hard to make the chief say that he offered inducements to Norville Williamson to make o confession but the chief insisted thint all he asked him to do was to tell the truth; that it would be easier for film to tell the truth than to lie. That didn't suit Mr. Amidon. He wanted the chief to suy that he promised young Williamson that if he confessed the whole thing it would be easier on him. The chief would not have it that way and stood by his original statement. Mr. Helm took enother tack. He in-sisted that the confession was made by

false representations and by twisted fetter writing, but there was no evi-dence of that fact. County Afterney Davis put a quietus on the whole matter by a next little speech to the court in which he recited the Brooks case of St. Louis in which a on was obtained by out and out

The court held that the statements of Norville Williamson to the chief were admissible, but it was argued that the final confession of the young man be not introduced until after Detective Sutton testified, for, it seems, that it was Mr. Sutton that conveyed a certain letter from Mrs. Leonard to her son and which letter was the basis of Norville Williamson's confession and the one which letter was the basis of Norville which letter was the basis of Norville Williamson's confession, and the one that is supposed to be the correct one. All the confessions previous to the last one when summed up in brief is that Marion Williamson came to the house Sunday night and found Leonard.

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O. P. HOCKLIN FINDS HIS PARENT AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS,

At the Death of His Mother, the Well-Known Wichita Groceryman was Adopted by a Schoolmate of His Mother and Until Twesty-One Years of Age, the Boy was in Ignorance of His Birth-The Father Re-Enlists but on His Ecture from the Army Falls to Find the People Who Adopted the Children.

O. P. Hicklin, who has been engaged for the past two years in the grocery business at the Occidental grocery, was a surprised man yesterday.

The cause of his surprise was by re celving a letter from his father whom he has no recollection of ever seeing and was not aware that he had a natural parent living. The cause of this was explained by Mr. Hicklin as follows yesterday to an Eagle reporter:

In August, 1861, my father, who was named John Jones, enlisted in the 30th In July, 1862, my father returned home (so I am informed) and was there at the time of my birth. My mother never arose from her bed, but died in a few days after my birth. Before her death she requested Mrs. Hicklin, who was her school mate, to adopt me. Father and Mother Hicklin had no children of their own, and after securing a promisfrom my father that he would not take me away from them, legally adopted me. "Father and Mother Hicklin are now living on their farm in Minneha town-ship, and although I know that the letter that I hold in my hand was written by my father, I can hardly realize the fact. Mr. and Mrs. Hicklin have been a true father and mobber to me.

"I grew up in perfect ignorance of the fact that I was anything else than their own son, and was never made aware of the change until after I was 21 years of age. Mother Hicklin says that she often thought that she would tell me the truth, but when it came to the task of telling me that she and Father Hicklin were not my father and mother she would shrink from the task. "This was made easy from the fact

that in the fall of 1862 we moved to Colorado, and no one there knew anything different concerning the family history.
"At the time of my mother's death
I had a sister but she was adopted by a family by the name of Carr. Never did two children fall in better hands than we did. My sister remaining near the old home was made aware of the true state of affairs when about 13 years of age, but she dearly loved Mr. and Mrs, Carr as though they were her real faillier and mother.

"It seems that after my mother's death, the family being broken up, that Father Hunt re-collisted in the army and served until July, 1885. He had made a firm promise to both Mr. Carr and Mr. Hicklin that he would not claim us children after they had grown

"After the war it appears that Father Hunt returned to the old home, but as both Mr. Carrand Mr. Hicklin had moved away, he could learn nothing of us, and finally drifted to Texts.

"I was speaking of the matter one day to an old soldier and said that I had a right to join the Sons of Veterans, and related him my story. He was more than interested as he knew my father well, having served in the army with him for over four years. He said that there never was a braver of better sol-dier than my father, and that he would never rest until he had found him, if living, or knew where he was buried.
"He referred me to Ezra E. Heard,
who was in the postoffice, and we en-

gaged him to work up the case. H wrote to the adjutant general of Illi record of Famher Hunt. the following reply, which I would no take a good many dollars for. It is the first letter a son over 21 years of age received from his father. The letter Deselamonia, Eastland Co., Texas,

"Ezra E. Beard-Dear sir and com-rade: Yours of Nov. 4 to hand and contents duly noted, and would say I am the man who enlisted in Co. K. Joth Ellinois regiment. August, '61, and served to July, '65, and when I came home Mr. Hicklin had left the country and I've been trying even since to find his whereabouts. This Hicklin left there with a wild of mine Cliver Berry Hurs. with a child of mine, Oliver Perry Hunt An early reply is earnestly requested, Yours very truly,

JOHN HUNT. Address, John Hunt, Desdemonta, Easthand Co., Texas.

"I have not received an answer yet from the letter which I wrote fasher, but when I do I will show it to you. I expect his story will be more interesting even than mine. "Two years ago I visited my sister

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"Back at the old home all of the old socialers spoke in the highest terms of father and mother, and it is probable that after mother's death he went to the army, after having seen us well provided for, and tried to forget his sorrow. I have written for him to come to Wichita and together we will visit

my sister. PROTECTS USERS OF "ROYAL" Baking Powder Company Wins its Case in United States Court.

(Chicago Times-Herald.)
The decision of Judge Showalter in a recent case that came up before him sustains the claims of the Royal commy to the exclusive use of the pum 'Royal" as a trade mark for its baking powder. The special importance of this decision consists in the protection which it assures to the millions of consumers of Royal baking powder against inferior and unwholesome compounds The excellence of this article has caus ed it to be highly esteemed and largely used almost the world over. Its high standard of quality having been always maintained, consumers have come to rely implicitly upon the "Royal" brand as the most wholesome and effi-cient of any in the market. The cupidity of other manufacturers is excited by this high reputation and large demand. Very few of the hundreds of baking powders on the market are safe to use. If their makers could sell them under the name of a well known, reputable brand incalculable damage would be done to the public health by The determination of the Royal Baking Powder Company to protect the users of the Royal baking powder against imitators by a rigid pro of them makes such imitator of its brand extremely rare.

HE HAS HIM MANDAMUSED.

Will Schnitzler Swears Out a Writ in Dis trict Court Against the Police Judge. The mandamus case of Will Schnitz-ler against Seth M. Tucker, police judge was called in the district court yester-day morning and argued by the atday morning and argued by the torneys. The writ was issued upon the affidavit of Schnitzler alleging that I am compelled to loose over \$200 all because of a pesky jack rabbit. I had cause of a pesky jack rabbit. I had him the standing rights given to a de-fendant of challenging the jurors sumafflant claimed the statutory rights that the police judge erred in refusing to allow the challenge of Schnitz-

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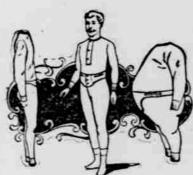
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for an advance," he said to a freind yes-terday. But last night all was chang-ed. During the afternoon some boys were out hunting in the neighborhood where stood Mr. Stanton's hay. The boys became hungry and concluded to roast some of their game. This was done, but by some means the fire broke out and was communicated to two large ricks of the finest hay that was ever cured, and before help could arrive cured, and before help could arrive ever forty tons of Mr. Stanton's hay

made big calcultions upon that hay but now it is gone. I never was in moned. The petition alleges that Rob-ertson, one of the defendant's, made four challenges, but that when the every kid to attend school, and passing a law allowing a man to shoot every one between the age of 10 and 20 found running at large during school hours. Something must be done with either the jack rabbist or the kids, or we will be burned out of house and home. My poor back aches yet from putting up

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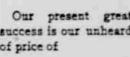
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